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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Meetings are still being held via conference calls and videos and included Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Region 4 Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Southeastern Council of Governments, (SCCOG), South East Area Transit (SEAT) Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), Restaurant Reopening Committee, Public Parking Commission, Rock the Docks Committee, and the City Hall Reopening Committee.

I attended the Juneteenth gathering at the David Ruggles Courtyard in front of City Hall on June 19th. I also attended the promotion ceremony for Police Lieutenant, Anthony Gomes and Police Sergeant, Steven Schmidt who were promoted on June 30th. Congratulations to both of them.

City employees are back in their offices which several now have Plexiglas work areas to allow social distancing between employees and customers. Cleaning crews are disinfecting common areas and touchpoints a minimum of a least once a day and citizens are encouraged to conduct business via phone, mail, and email and should only visit City buildings when the business may not be done remotely in accordance with the City's Phase 1 COVID-19 Return to Work Plan.

During the month of July, the Tax Office will be accepting in-person payments Monday through Thursday from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm and citizens must wear masks and practice social distancing. Taxpayers may also pay their taxes in person with cash or check at any Norwich Peoples United Bank branch locations.

The City's Recreation Department has been very active the past few weeks with Spaulding Pond opening on June 18th with appropriate social distancing and safety precautions being followed by the lifeguards with an average of 200 visitors a day. Recreation Camp started on June 29th and spots are still available for the upcoming weeks.

Special thanks to Kim Beyer, Ed Ibrahim, Vic Butsch, and John Egan for giving back to our community for their hard work rebuilding the concession stand at the Jennings Football Field which was struck by a car last year. The retired friends who create things in their woodshops together have donated their labor to the project saving the City several thousands of dollars. Thank you for investing in our youth.

Congratulations to Evelyn and Larry Pontbriant who received the number "1" dog tag from the City Clerk's office for their dog Maggie. Maggie is a 10 year old cockapoo who has been paralyzed twice from degenerative disc disease and is recovering. Her picture has been posted on the City's Facebook page.

Attached is the Treasurer's Report from Michael Gualtieri, for quarter ended March 31, 2020 for your review.